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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Raul Raudales  
Serial No. : 09/293,198  
Filed : April 16, 1999  
Title : VEGETABLE PRODUCT DRYING

Art Unit : 3749  
Examiner : A. Joyce

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT B

Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 3, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A dryer for drying vegetable product[, such as coffee beans,] comprising:  
a thermal collector constructed and arranged to convert solar energy to heat energy;  
a heat transfer system;  
a housing having a drying chamber; and  
wherein said heat transfer system is in thermal communication with both said thermal collector and said drying chamber such that heat is able to move from said thermal collector to said drying chamber.

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